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E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJECT: AIR EVACUATION DANANG

1. ON MORNING OF 29 MARCH OWNER OF WORLD AIRWAYS (MR. DALY) WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM GVN OR MISSION, ON HIS OWN COGNIZANCE TOOK OFF FROM TAN SON NHUT AIRBASE WITH 3 WORLD 727 AIRCRAFT FOR DANANG. PLANES TOOK OFF AT ONE HALF HOUR INTERVALS. ON ARRIVAL AT DANANG ONE 727 LANED AND WAS IMMEDIATELY MOBBED, SURROUNDED BY TRUCKS AND WAS FORCEABLE BOARDED BY GVN MILITARY ON THE AIRSTRIP. THE PLANE MADE EMERGENCY TAKEOFF PROCEDURES WAS WAS RAMMED BY A TRUCK AT THE LEFT WING OR HIT A TRUCK ON TAKEOFF. THE PLANE WAS UNABLE TO TAKE OFF FROM THE NORMAL RUNWAY AS THE VN MILITARY HAD IT COMPLETELY BLOCKED WITH TRUCKS OR OTHER VEHICLES. ACCORDINGLY, THE PLANE TOOK OFF ON A TAXIWAY. THE PILOT STATED THAT ONCE AIRBORNE HE WAS UNABLE TO RETRACT WHEELS AND ASSUMED HE HAD MAJOR HYDRAULIC CASUALTY. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE OTHER PLANES THAT TOOK OFF (FROM SAIGON) AFTER HIM CAME ALONGSIDE AND REPORTED THAT HE HAD A BODY IN THE LEFT WHEEL
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WELL THAT WAS JAMMING THE WHEEL DOORS.

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2. THE PLANE LANDED AT SAIGON WITH WHEELS DOWN AND MADE EMERGENCY LANDING AT TSN. IT WAS PARKED AWAY FROM THE MAIN TERMINAL WHILE ALL PASSENGERS WERE DISEMBARKED. MISSION REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SCENE COUNTED APPROXIMATELY 385 PEOPLE OF WHICH THERE WERE 4 WOMEN, 3 CHILDREN AND THE REMAINDER WERE ARVN OR VNF SOLDIERS.

3. THE ABOVE FILGHTS WERE ORDERED BY MR. DALY AFTER BEING WARNED ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING THAT ANY AIR OPERATIONS TO DANANG WOULD NOT BE APPROVED OR AUTHORIZED AND THAT NO SUCH FLIGHT WERE TO BE SCHEDULED FOR THE 29TH OF MARCH UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE MISSION. SUCH INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED BY THE USAID ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR LOGISTICS IN THE COMPANY OF THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR. LAM, AND MR. MANZ OF THE USAID OFFICE OF LOGISTICS.
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